



The All-ACP Programme, financed by the European Union, is implemented by the Programme Management Unit TradeCom II, based in Brussels, Belgium. The Programme activities are carried out mainly in the ACP/EU region.

## GENERAL OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of the TradeCom II Programme is to contribute to sustainable economic development and poverty reduction in ACP countries through closer regional integration and increased participation in the global economy.

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

The TradeCom II programme which builds on the foundation of the Trade.Com Facility and the experience of the ACP Multilateral Trade System programme, aims to:

- Strengthen the capacity of ACP countries and regions to formulate and implement suitable trade policies as well as to negotiate and implement bilateral and regional trade agreements (including ACP-EU Economic Partnership Agreements and All-ACP economic cooperation arrangements);
- Support ACP countries to participate effectively in international trade negotiations and to implement international trade agreements, thus helping them fully benefit from the multilateral trading system; and
- Strengthen ACP private sector competitiveness by supporting trade facilitation and trade promotion and diversifying their export base and markets through greater integration into the regional and global value chains.

## TARGET GROUPS BENEFICIARIES

- ACP trade policy and facilitation infrastructure and institutions
- ACP trade negotiators
- ACP regional organizations
- ACP and EU private sector/exporters
- ACP civil society organizations
- ACP trade training and research institutions
- EU trade training and research institutions and trade related organizations





# PROGRAMME COMPONENTS

The TradeCom II Programme is executed under Programme Estimates (Component 1) and through Grants (Component 2)

## PROGRAMME ESTIMATES

This is a flexible DEMAND-DRIVEN facility capable of rapidly mobilizing specialized trade related activities for ACP beneficiaries. Activities focus on, *inter alia*:

- Improving capacity of ACP countries and regions to formulate suitable trade policies;
- Improving capacity of ACP countries and regions to effectively negotiate and implement bilateral and regional trade agreements;
- Improving participation of ACP countries in the negotiation and implementation of WTO Agreements; and
- Strengthening ACP private sector competitiveness by supporting trade facilitation and trade promotion

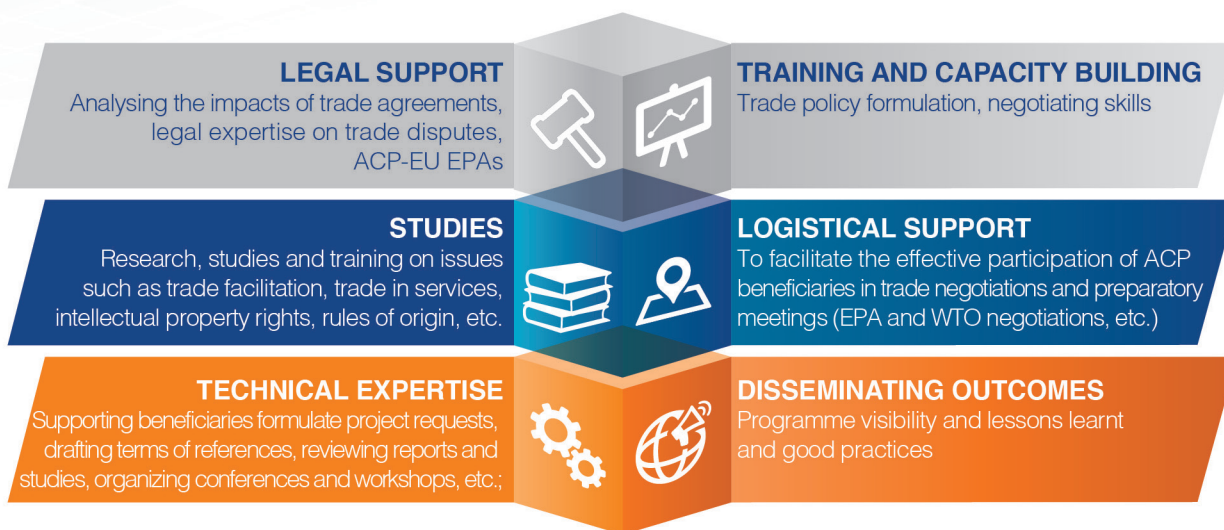
## GRANTS

This is an inclusive, demand-driven facility that supports cooperative responses to the Programme's objectives and expected results. The grants complement the demand-led support provided under Component 1 with longer-term and locally anchored institutional capacity building. Activities focus on, *inter alia*:

- Support to ACP trade institutions (trade research and trade capacity building institutions, including academic institutions, etc.);
- Encourage the establishment of both North-South-twinning (specialized providers of TRA from EU Member States in partnership with ACP beneficiaries) and cooperation with international organizations;
- Support to South-South cooperation arrangements in the domain of institutional trade capacity building;
- Foster the development of trans-ACP research and trade capacity building networks, thus facilitating reinforced complementarities on the intra-ACP level.

## ACTIVITIES

The overall activities of the Programme are clustered into two main streams: Regional (1) and Multilateral (2) Trade:



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